(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to tide over the crisis?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no such management crisis in Steel Authority of India Limited and as such no action is called for.

Recommendation of the Agriculture Review Committee of R.B.I.

2143. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating any action to counter the situation in Regional Rural Banks which are reeling under financial losses;

(b) whether the Agriculture Review Committee of R.B.I. has recommended merger of Regional Rural Banks with their sponsoring bank; if so, what action is being considered by Government on the said report;

(c) whether there is any proposal to merge all Regional Rural Banks to form a separate All India Bank *viz.* National Development Banking Corporation; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the National Industrial Tribunal (NIT), looking into the pay, remuneration and other amenities of employees of Regional Rural Banks is being given extension of time; if so, the probable date by which the Government expect to receive the said report?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that the financial position of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) which are incurring losses is being monitored regularly and remedial action is suggested to the concerned RRBs and their sponsor banks. Based on the recommendations of the Working Group on RRBs (Kelkar Committee) several positive measures have been taken to strengthen the RRBs such as increase in their issued capital etc.

(b) Yes, Sir. Reserve Bank of India have also supported the proposal of merger of RRBs with their sponsor banks. This will need examination in consultation with NABARD, Sponsor Banks and the State Governments.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present.

(d) Yes, Sir. The National Industrial Tribunal (NIT) has been allowed extension of time upto 30-4-1990 to give its award.

Vancancies in the Supreme Court and High Courts

2144. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 359 given in the Rajya Sabha on 15th March, 1990 and state by when the vacant posts of judges in the Supreme Court and various High Courts are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): 94 vacancies were existing in different High Courts on 1.3.90 as mentioned in the statement in reply to Unstarred Question No. 359, 17 appointments have since been made.

It is not possible to indicate any date by which the remaining vacant posts of Judges in the Supreme Court and various High Courts will be filled.

Export of Automobile Springs

2145. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the expected value of export of automobile spring during 1989-90 and what are the names of the